

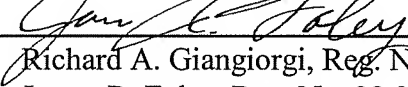
**REMARKS**

Applicant has amended the claims in order to place this application in better condition for examination. As Applicant is not aware of any prior art which would anticipate or would render obvious the claims defining the present invention, early allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact one of the undersigned attorneys at (312) 704-1890.

Respectfully submitted,

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